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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5973

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BEIRUT OF AHRAF MARWAN ASSISTANT TO PRES SADAT

1. QUOTED BELOW IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF A BRIEF ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FRENCH-LANGUAGE BEIRUT DAILY "L 'ORIENT-LE JOUR" AUG 28. NEARLY ALL ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPERS CARRIED A SIMILAR REPORT. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON NARWAN'S VISIT, BUT WE ASSUME EMBASSY CAIRO WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO GET DETAILS.
BEGIN QUOTE.

2. MR. ASHRAF MARWAN, SECRETARY TO PRES ANWAR SADAT FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS IS EXPECTED TODAY IN BEIRUT BEARING A MESSAGE FROM THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TO THE CHIEF OF STATE. FROM A AUTHORIZED SOURCE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PRES SADAT'S MESSAGE DEALS WITH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE KISSINGER MISSION.

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3. MR. MARWAN WILL BE RECEIVED DURING HIS STAY IN LEBANON

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PLO, MR
YASSIR 'ARAFAT TO WHOM HE WILL DELIVER A SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM
PRES SADAT.

4. WEDNESDAY COMMENT: SIC AND EARLIER? MR MARWAN WAS IN AMMAN
DAMASCUS, BAGHDAD, AND RIYADH, WHERE HE DELIVERED MESSAGES
FROM PRES SADAT TO KING HUSSEIN, TO PRESIDENTS ASAD AND BAKER,
AND TO KING KHALED. END QUOTE.
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